

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The intent of this legislation is to expand the capacity of career technical education (CTE) in Idaho middle and high schools (grades 7-12), particularly in rural and remote communities. The legislation is designed to incentivize districts to create programs that prepare students to meet local and regional industry and workforce needs. The legislation has two components. The first component is the Idaho Career Ready Students (ICRS) Program. The Idaho Career Ready Students Program will be created as a capital fund for Idaho public secondary schools. This fund will be established in the State Department of Education and administered by the Idaho Career Ready Students Program Council. The second component updates added-cost funding, which will now have a foundation in Idaho law. By placing added-cost funding in chapter 22, Title 33, it provides ongoing support for existing CTE programs statewide, support for schools which receive ICRS grants in the coming years and provides a level of transparency for how funds are allocated. The current allocation for secondary CTE funds is insufficient and does not fully fund all approved CTE programs, leaving communities to bridge the gap or forego needed industry and workforce training programs.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact is \$50 million, which consists of \$45 million to be deposited into an Idaho Career Ready Students Program Fund for one-time capital projects and \$5 million in the Division of Career Technical Education budget for added-cost programs, with ongoing appropriations.

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